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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRWOMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

June 7, 2007

Today the Committee voted to re-authorize an investigative subcommittee for the 110th Congress that had been previously authorized during the 109th Congress for the matter involving Representative William J. Jefferson.

Pursuant to the Committee's action, the investigative subcommittee was given jurisdiction to determine whether Representative Jefferson violated the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct applicable to his conduct in the performance of his duties or the discharge of his responsibilities, with respect to allegations that Representative Jefferson or his family members received cash, stock shares, agreements to receive future profits, retainers, offers of employment, travel benefits, or any other items of value from Brett Pfeffer, Lori Mody, Vernon Jackson, iGate, Inc., or any other individual or entity associated with those individuals or that entity, and the relationship, if any, between the cash, stock shares, agreements to receive future profits, retainers, offers of employment, travel benefits, or other items of value and Representative Jefferson's status or actions as a Member of Congress.

The Committee also voted to expand the jurisdiction of the investigative subcommittee to include any or all of the matters for which Representative Jefferson was indicted by a grand jury in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia for 16 counts of alleged criminal conduct on June 4, 2007.

Representative William D. Delahunt will serve as Chairman of the investigative subcommittee, and Representative John Kline will serve as its Ranking Member. The other two members of the subcommittee are Representative Keith Ellison and Representative Tom Latham.

As Chairwoman and Ranking Member of the Committee, we are committed to ensuring that proceedings involving Representative Jefferson are conducted in a fair manner, and in accordance with the processes established by the Committee's standing rules and established precedent.